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June 24, 1966

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Honorable S. Douglass Cater, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cater:

In your conversation with Mr. Sterling B. Donahoe of this Bureau on June 22, 1966, you requested to be furnished any available data we possess regarding the small portable radio which was obtained in the search of Lee Harvey Oswald's residence in connection with the investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

For your information, this radio and its power supply unit are in the custody of this Bureau pending receipt of instructions from the Attorney General regarding disposition of all items of evidence maintained in this case. The radio is a small, brown, plastic, Russian-made radio commonly known as the "Tourist" and was designed to operate on standard radio broadcast bands. It is similar in this respect to American-made radios commonly found in the American home. When operating properly, the radio, if used in the southeastern section of the United States, would be capable of receiving radio broadcasts from Cuban radio stations, particularly at night. The radio was designed to operate on dry cell batteries or on ordinary house current when used in conjunction with its power supply unit.

For your added information, the radio was not in operating condition when it was received by this Bureau JUN 28 1966 the Dallas Police Department. No attempt was made by this Bureau to repair the radio since to have done so would have changed the physical condition of the radio from that in which it was received.

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Delivered to Mildred Segall on 6-24-66

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Honorable B. Douglas Cater, Jr.

During the course of our investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, we developed no information indicating Lee Harvey Oswald used this radio to listen to Cuban radio broadcasts. A list of all items of evidence received by this Bureau in connection with our investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy was furnished by us to the President's Commission but the Commission did not assign an exhibit number to the radio nor was mention made of the radio by the Commission in its "Report on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy."

This information is being furnished to you in accordance with your request. It is suggested that you not release the data contained herein concerning the radio and its power supply unit to any publication without first clearing such release with the Attorney General. Under Public Law 89-318, which was enacted on November 21, 1965, the Attorney General was authorized to choose any item of evidence for retention by the United States Government as it relates to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. This Bureau is acting as a temporary repository for items of evidence obtained during the investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy until we receive notification from the Attorney General as to the disposition of all items of evidence.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated June 23, 1966, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald; Internal Security - Russia - Cuba," prepared by REL:kas.